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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

10 SUZAN ABDELLA AHMED,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

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14 CYNTHIA MUNITA, Director USCIS Seattle
Field Office; LAURA ZUCHOWSKI, Director
15 USCIS Vermont Service Center; TRACY
RENAUD, Acting Director U.S. Citizenship and
16 Immigration Services; DAVID PEKOSKE¹,
Acting Secretary U.S. Department of Homeland
Security; CHRISTOPHER WRAY, Director
17 Federal Bureau of Investigation;

18 Defendants.
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21 Plaintiff brings this litigation pursuant to the Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to
22 compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate Plaintiff’s I-360
23 and I-485 applications. Dkt. No. 1. Defendants have yet to answer the Complaint. On April 15,
24 2021, this Court granted the parties’ request to hold the case in abeyance to allow Plaintiff to
25 respond to USCIS’s Request for Evidence (“RFE”) and for USCIS to review Plaintiff’s
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¹ Alejandro Mayorkas became the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security on February 2, 2021, and should be automatically substituted for Defendant David Pekoske under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d).

1 responses. Dkt. No. 21. The parties now submit a second request to hold the case in abeyance.

2 There is good cause to grant this request.

3 USCIS intends to issue a second RFE to Plaintiff shortly. Plaintiff will have 87 days to
4 respond to the RFE. To give Plaintiff sufficient response time, and USCIS sufficient time to
5 review Plaintiff's response, the parties, through their counsel, jointly request that the Court
6 continue to hold this matter in abeyance through December 29, 2021. The parties agree that this
7 is an acceptable timeframe and recognize the possibility that this process may moot Plaintiff's
8 claims.

9 Accordingly, the parties hereby STIPULATE AND AGREE, AND JOINTLY
10 REQUEST, that the Court hold this case in abeyance, and order the parties to file a joint status
11 report on or before December 29, 2021.

12 DATED this 24th day of August, 2021.

13 Respectfully submitted,
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11 **ORDER**

12 The Parties having so stipulated and agreed, the Court hereby ORDERS that this action
13 shall be held in abeyance through December 29, 2021, and the parties shall file a Joint Status
14 Report with the Court on or before December 29, 2021.

15 Dated this 27th day of August, 2021.



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17 HON. BARBARA J. ROTHSTEIN
18 United States District Judge
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